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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning, [REDACTED] advised the group that the Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees had offered no objection to the acquisition of additional real estate adjacent to the headquarters building. Later in the day I advised Jim Garrison of this and told him to proceed with GSA as rapidly as possible. I also made arrangements to see the County Executive, Mr. Carlton Massey, on Monday, 4 February, at which time I will advise him of our intention to acquire this property. H

2. Shef Edwards telephoned and was somewhat concerned about General Carter's memorandum having to do with those CIA personnel authorized to carry firearms. I told Shef that I thought he ought to withdraw the firearms from the "patrol" and secure them somewhere in the Office of Security. In addition, I told Shef that I thought that DD/P should have to vouch for all of his personnel who are authorized to carry firearms. (At any rate, Shef is working on the problem and will have a new list for me within a few days.)

3. I met with Jim Garrison, [REDACTED] to talk about space and asked them to get another presentation ready for me to present to the Executive Committee within a few days. This should be aimed at obtaining the blueprint for a long-range plan. 25X1A9a

4. With Jim Garrison, [REDACTED] and representatives from DD/I and the Office of the Comptroller, I reviewed the "Case History of [REDACTED]" and asked Logistics to put this memorandum in final form for my signature by Monday morning, 4 February. H

5. General Carter telephoned to request that I prepare personal letters for his signature to the Superintendents of the Military, Naval, and Air Force Academies telling them of our interest in considering for employment any cadet or midshipman who graduates but for reasons of physical disability is not commissioned. (I have asked Emmett Echols to do this.)

6. I met with [REDACTED] John Bross, and other members of their staffs, as well as with [REDACTED] of the Office of Logistics, to discuss the necessity for processing additional communications requisitions without delay.

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25X1A John thought that we would get all of our money eventually and that the communications procurement program could go forward. However, we agreed that we needed about [REDACTED] within the next thirty days, and the Comptroller agreed to give us this much more authority pending settlement of the over-all situation. Also, he assured me that we did have in hand the [REDACTED] which we could 25X1A finance and which cost grew out of the Orrick Subcommittee on Communications. (The Comptroller's office is looking to us for advice as to how this allocation should be distributed. I have talked to [REDACTED] about this, and he will furnish the 25X1A9a Comptroller the necessary information within the next few days.)

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7. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning, I learned that the question had been raised as to whether South Vietnam should be treated as a theatre of war and under our war plans all CIA operations there would become a part of the Theatre Commander's responsibility. This will be decided sometime soon.

8. Shef Edwards advised me that a young man named [REDACTED] in OCI 25X1A9a was being investigated by the FBI in connection with his cashing some travelers checks which had been stolen. This boy's story was that he signed these checks for a man he bumped into in a bar; the man's hand was in a cast, he couldn't sign them, etc., etc. (A pretty flimsy excuse, I think.) The FBI is continuing their investigation and the Office of Security is following it all the way.

25X1A9a 9. John Tietjen telephoned to say that he had to reply to a cable from the field in which [REDACTED] had asked for a change in his career service designation. I told John that I would like to coordinate on the reply and that this request should be denied until we have settled the over-all relationship between the A&E Staff and TSD.

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